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## SENATOR ALLARD STATEMENT ON MISSILE TEST National Missile Defense Is A Priority

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) today issued the following statement concerning the missile test performed by the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization's National Missile Defense (NMD) Joint Program on Wednesday evening.

“A national missile defense system that will protect the United States is a priority and I remain committed to its development,” Allard said. “Despite the recent setback, I believe we are making progress towards that goal.”

“History has demonstrated that in order to achieve success, we need to learn from our failures. This failure shows us just how difficult it is to hit a bullet with a bullet. Programs such as these are complicated but overall the program is on track,” Allard added.

In October, 1999, the NMD Joint Program first flight interceptor test was a success with a third scheduled this Spring. That test will be followed by an additional 17 tests.

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